(b) the estimated project cost of said Station since its inception; and

(c) the reasons for delay in commissioning of these units?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) Maithon Thermal Power Station is still in the planning stage and as such no expenditure has been incurred for commissioning of units of this project.

[Translation]

Women Literacy

837. SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the policies adopted to encourage women literacy in the country so far, specially in the areas where the women literacy rate is very low, alcngwith the progress made in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : The Total Literacy Campaigns launched by the National Literacy Mission have laid special emphasis on women's mobilisation and participation, particularly in areas with low female literacy. The literacy campaigns aim at creating an environment where women demand knowledge and information. The campaigns made use of a variety of media to spread the message that education of women is a pre-condition for improving their status in society. Gender issues have been suitably incorporated in the literacy primers. Out of the approximately 68.57 million persons made literate through Total Literacy Campaigns so far, approximately 41.14 million are women.

Power Projects in the Country

838. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects started in the country, State-wise;

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and

(c) the extent to which the power generation is likely to be increased on completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) State-wise details of power projects under construction are given below. These projects are at different stages of construction. The completion would depend upon availability of adequate and timely funds, supply and erection of equipments, settlement of inter-state disputes etc.

State	Number	Capacity (MW)
Arunachal Pradesh	1	405
Assam	4	215
Andhra Pradesh	4	1975
Bihar	5	1402
Gujarat	7	2910
Haryana	2	610
Himachal Pradesh	3	1822.5
Jammu & Kashmir	4	511.5
Karnataka	5	1196
Kerala	8	708.25
Maharashtra	8	4814
Manipur	1	36
Madhya Pradesh	6	2975
Nagaland	2	99
Orissa	3	756
Pandicherry	1	32.1
Punjab	2	1020
Rajasthan	1	500
Sikkim	1	60
Tamilnadu	6	815.5
Tripura	1	84
Uttar Pradesh	6	2430
West Bengal	4	2097.5
Total	85	27474.35

[English]

Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow

839. SHRI M. RAJAIAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the present strength of staff and students in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow;

(b) the number of students studying presently in the school, country-wise;

(c) the details of development which took place in this school since its inception in terms of staff, students and various courses;

(d) whether the Government provide any grant to the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow and have received request from it for allocation of funds;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds to be granted;

(f) the income and expenditure of this school during each of the last three years; and

(g) the status of the staff in comparison with the Embassy Staff at Moscow in terms of salary fixation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has intimated that the present strength of staff and students in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow is 31 and 213 respectively.

(b) The present country-wise break-up of stueents is as under :

1.	India	187
2.	Nigeria	9
3.	Bangladesh	2
4.	Pakistan	3
5.	Muzambique	4
6.	Phillipines	1
7.	Zambia	1
8.	Srilanka	4
9.	Namibia	2

(c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow started functioning from 1st September 1987. The Kendriya Vidyalaya runs classes from 1st to XIIth with Science and Humanities stream at +2 stage. In addition, French and Russian are also taught.

(d) and (e) Except the initial grant of Rs. 25 lakhs and a grant of Rs. 500 lakhs for infrastructual facilities provided in 1997-98, no grant has been given in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow as it generates its own resources through tuition fees and pupil's fund.

(f) Receipt and payment during the last three years i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 in respect of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow is as under :

(Rupees in lakhs)

1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
Receipt	Payment	Receipt	Payment	Receipt	Payment
145.22	131.99	219.81	180.51	242.08	191.00

(g) The staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya are in the regular pay scales as applicable to their counterparts in India. Foreign Allowances are paid in accordance with the norms prescribed by Ministry of External Affairs.

Constitution of Tribunals for Disposal of Cases

840. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether tribunals have been constituted to dispose of the cases expeditiously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of pending cases so far, tribunal-wise;

(d) the time by which the pending cases are likely to be disposed of; and

(e) the steps taken/are being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure effective functioning of these tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Trunk Facility

841. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trunk booking facility has been shifted from Diphu and Hoflong telephone exchanges to Nowgong and Silchar exchanges respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the poor telecommunication facility in the Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills districts of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance to a policy decision taken due to sharp fall in trunk traffic consequent to introduction of ISD/NSD and Group dialling facilities and also due to provision of large scale STD/ISD/PCOs, the trunk services have become uneconomical, the Trunk Exchanges in such places are gradually being decommissioned. This is being done only after ensuring continued and efficient trunk call facilities for the users from these areas by connecting such places to the Trunk Centres at the SSA or Revenue Distt. Headquarters through reliable high grade media.

The average number of trunk calls from Haflong and Diphu being very low, it was not found economical to have separate Trunk Exchanges at these two stations. Before decommissioning of the Trunk Exchanges at these places, these stations were connected to Silchar and Nowgong respectively through reliable media to ensure continued and improved Trunk Services to the users from Diphu and Haflong.

(c) All the seven Telephone Exchanges in Karbi Anglong Distt. are electronic and STD facilities have also been provided. One 1000 lines C-DOT SBM has been commissioned at Diphu, the Distt. Headquarter in April, 1998 replacing 652 lines NEAX. This Exchange is further proposed to be expanded by another 400 lines shortly to meet the telephone demand upto March, 1999. Diphu is connected to Jorhat via Dimapur on 60